under RPDS. These allocations are meant to be over and above the normal allocations. In addition to allocations for PDS, foodgrains are also allocated to States under the Jawabar Rojgar Yojana (JRY). The State Governraeats including Orissa and Rajasthan undertake relief employment works in areas facing acute drought and scarcity conditions.

N on obtaining of B.I.S. approval by soap manufacturers

3. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN :

SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM :

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the toilet soaps are not tested by Bureau of Indian Standards; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government would make it mandatory for the manufacturers to obtain B.I.S. approval on their products including toilet soaps; and

(c) whether Government propose to introduce regulations to print compositions on the covers or wrappers of the soaps to facilitate the consumers for taking up their issues of quality and quantity under Consumer Protection Act ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Testing of samples of toilet soaps under the BIS Certification Marks' scheme is voluntary in nature.

(b) There is no such proposal.

(c) The manner of labelling of cosmetic is provided for in the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945.

Consumer cooperatives in rural and remote areas

4. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO :

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up consumer cooperatives in all rural and remote areas for fair distribution of essential commodities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) The operational responsibility for implementation of Public Distribution System is that of the State Governments/UT Administrations. Decisions regarding opening and allocation of fair price shops (FPSs) including preferential allotment to specific categories of persons/organisations including cooperatives are taken by the State Governments. The Central Government had earlier advised the State Governments to consider priority allotment of FPSs to the cooperatives.

5. [Transferred to 30th April' 1993]

Working of Fair Price Shops

6. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH :

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the present existing Fair Price shops under PDS are working smoothly in Urban as well as in Rural areas;

! (b) if so, the number of such FPS, State-wise city-wise and rural area-wise;

(c) whether there is a scheme under Government's consideration to open more Fair Price Shops to provide items of ration, cloth and other consumable items/goods to •the consumers particularly for those residing in remote rural areas; and

(d) if so, what are the details of such scheme and the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CON-